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Executive Order No. 14-97

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING A DISASTER TO EXIST IN THE CITY OF LIBBY

WHEREAS, on July 21, 1997 a severe windstorm blew through the City of Libby in Lincoln County; and,

WHEREAS, this severe windstorm has created in it's wake substantial debris from uprooted trees as well as power outages resulting from downed power lines, which in turn has affected the city's drinking water supply and sewage treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, the severe windstorm has resulted in damages to both public and private property; and

WHEREAS, this severe wind event has caused life-threatening situations and a continuing substantial threat to life and property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Libby has committed all available resources and taken all possible actions to respond, mitigate and alleviate the situation, and the local resources are not sufficient to respond to the conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Libby declared an emergency and has exhausted all available emergency levies by appropriating emergency funding in an amount equivalent to a two (2) mill levy on the city's taxable valuation, pursuant to section 10-3-405, MCA, to respond in the aftermath of the windstorm; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of a disaster authorizes the Governor under section 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from these conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana and Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare a disaster to exist in the City of Libby.

This Order is effective immediately.

Given under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 23rd day of July, 1997.

MARC RACICOT, Governor

ATTEST:

MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State by Les fee Such, Deputy